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SUBJ: WALDHEIM SPEECH IN VIENNA ON UN

SUMMARY: WALDHEIM, IN SPEECH TO VIENNESE GATHERING APRIL 7, STRESSED THAT WESTERN CRITICISM OF UN DUE IN PART TO FACT THAT FORMER WESTERN MAJORITY IN UN NOW REPLACED BY MAJORITY FROM THIRD WORLD. UN IS FACING MAJOR CHALLENGE OF NEW ORDERING OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH POSSIBLE ONLY ON BASIS OF COMPROMISE AND COOPERATION. DETENTE IS MAKING GAINS BUT REGIONAL CONFLICTS CONTINUE AND DANGER STILL EXISTS OF LIMITED CONFLICTS EXPANDING INTO CONFRONTATIONS OF MAJOR POWERS. WHILE NOTING LIMITATIONS OF UN, WALDHEIM'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT NO BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO UN HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. END SUMMARY

1. UN SECGEN KURT WALDHEIM SPOKE TO AUDIENCE OF AUSTRIAN LEAGUE FOR UN IN VIENNA EVENING APRIL 7 ON THEME "UN--EXPECTATION AND REALITY." SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS OF HIS TALK FOLLOWS:

A. DISAPPOINTMENT IN WESTERN COUNTRIES OVER UN:

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DISAPPOINTMENT IN WEST OVER EFFECTIVENESS OF UN

DUE TO (1) EXCESSIVE EXPECTATIONS, (2) INADEQUATELY INFORMED PUBLIC OPINION CONCERNING PROBLEMS AND LIMITATIONS FACING UN AND (3) DECLINE OF WESTERN INFLUENCE IN WORLD ORGANIZATION. WESTERN MAJORITY NOW REPLACED BY MAJORITY FROM THIRD WORLD. LATTER MAJORITY IS HOWEVER NOT AUTOMATIC ONE BUT ONE OF SHIFTING MEMBERSHIP. NOT ONLY IS SUBSTANCE OF ANY DRAFT RESOLUTION IMPORTANT FOR OBTAINING MAJORITY SUPPORT BUT ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT OF THOSE STATES WHOSE COOPERATION IN EXECUTION OF RESOLUTION IS REQUIRED.

B. ECONOMIC-SOCIAL ARENA:

WHEREAS FORMALLY UN WAS IN CENTER OF EAST-WEST CONFLICT, IT NOW FACES NUMBER OF NEW, MORE COMPLEX CHALLENGES INCLUDING (1) NEW ORDERING OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED STATES OF NORTH AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THIRD WORLD WHICH HAVE TWO-THIRD'S OF WORLD POPULATION AND MAJORITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND (2) REFORM OF WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM. THESE CHANGES CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY NEGOTIATIONS, NOT CONFRONTATION. COOPERATION AND WORLDWIDE PARTNERSHIP REQUIRE OPEN MINDEDNESS AND WILLINGNESS OF ALL PARTIES TO COMPROMISE. UNIVERSAL PROBLEMS REQUIRE GLOBAL STRATEGY WHICH BEING ATTEMPTED UNDER UN AEGIS, EG. UN CONFERENCES ON POPULATION, LAW OF SEA AND FOOD SUPPLY.

C. POLITICAL ARENA:

MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY IS STILL MAIN TASK OF UN. WHILE DETENTE HAS GAINED GROUND, SERIES OF CONFLICTS, LARGELY OF REGIONAL NATURE, CONTINUE (E.G. IN MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, SOUTHERN AFRICA, INDOCHINA) AS DOES ARMAMENTS RACE. THERE IS ALSO GREAT DANGER OF LOCAL CONFLICTS EXPANDING INTO CONFRONTATIONS INVOLVING MAJOR POWERS. SMALL AND MIDDLE-SIZED STATES ATTACH GREAT POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO COOPERATION IN UN FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY REASONS AND FOR THEIR ABILITY THEREBY TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS INVOLVING WORLD PROBLEMS. SUCH STATES, FREE FROM CHARGE OF HARBORING WORLD POLITICAL INTERESTS, CAN ALSO BE USED FOR PEACE-KEEPING PURPOSES (E.G. UN FORCES, INCLUDING THOSE OF AUSTRIA, IN MIDDLE EAST). CONFLICTS OF MOST RECENT YEARS HAVE

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SHOWN IMPORTANCE OF UN FORUM EVEN IF UN HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO BRING ABOUT QUICK SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS. AT SAME TIME BILATERAL DIPLOMACY, AS EVER, IS BASIC ELEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IMPORTANT IS MEANINGFUL, COMPLIMENTARY NATURE OF BILATERAL EFFORTS WITH MULTILATERAL SUPPORT REGARDING PROBLEMS CONCERNING ENTIRE WORLD.

D. OUTLOOK:

UN IS NOT ASSOCIATION OF UTOPIANS BUT COMMUNITY
OF SOVEREIGN STATES DEALING WITH CURRENT WORLD PROBLEMS.
UN, AS ANY OTHER HUMAN INSTITUTION, IS NOT PERFECT.
IN SPITE OF THESE HUMAN DEFICIENCIES AND WEAKNESSES
THERE IS NO BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO UN. WHY SHOULD UN
BE BETTER THAN WORLD AROUND US. REGIONAL CONFLICTS,
POVERTY, MISERY, PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION OF ENVIRONMENT,
AND OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN SEAS ALL AWAIT RESOLUTION.
GLOBAL COOPERATION IS REQUIRED AND BEST REMAINS,
IN SPITE OF ALL WEAKNESSES, UN.

2. ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF GERMAN TEXT OF WALDHEIM
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